Over Staying of S.B.I. Officers at one Place

105. SHRI J.S. RAJU : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the stipulated period of stay for bank officers at one place;

(b) whether it is a fact that JMGS-I and JMGS-II officers are overstaying in the State Bank of India, Local Head Office, and Regional Office at New Delhi for more than the stipulated period; and

(c) if so, what immediate steps Government propose, to take against the officers who have been staying for more than the stipulated period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) to (c) State Bank of India has reported that the normal stipulated stay of an officer at one branch/office is three years and at one centre five years. The stay position of officers at one centre/ office is reviewed by the bank once in a year.

As per the transfer policy agreed to with the officers Association, officers having the longest stay in Delhi are transferred out. During the last exercise of long stay transfers taken up in 1993, officers in Delhi with a stay of five years and four months have been transferred out.

Exception, wherever, permitted, are on account of extreme compassionate ground and each case has been duly examined on merits.

गुजरात में अल्प बचत संग्रहण में गिरावट

106. श्रीमती चन्द्रिका अभिनन्दन जैन: क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या गुजरात सरकार द्वारा राज्य में अल्प बचत संग्रहण में निरन्तर गिरावट के संबंध में कोई प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) इस संबंध में अभी तक की गई प्रगति का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(घ) सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में अभी तक क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं; और

(ङ) राज्य सरकार द्वारा प्रस्तुत इस प्रस्ताव को कब तक अनुमोदित किये जाने की संभावना है?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (डा० अबरार अहमद): (क) और (ख) गुजरात सरकार से प्राप्त प्रस्तावों में अल्प बचत योजनाओं पर ब्याज की दर बढ़ाना, कर संबंधी लाभों का विस्तार, अल्प बचत ऋणों की वसूली का आस्थगन और ऐसे ऋणों को निरन्तर ऋणों के रूप में मानना शामिल है।

(ग) से (ङ) कतिपय अल्प बचत योजनाओं पर ब्याज की दरें अप्रैल, 1992 में बढ़ायी गई थी। धारा 80ऊ के तहत कर रियायत की सीमा 7000 रुपए से बढ़ाकर 10,000 रुपए कर दी गई थी।

मौजूदा वर्ष के दौरान अब तक अल्प बचत संग्रहणों में पिछले वर्ष की तदनुरूप अवधि के दौरान संग्रहणों की तुलना में काफी अधिक वृद्धि हुई है।

केन्द्र के बजटीय दबाव को देखते हुए वसूलियों के आस्थगन से सहमत होना अथवा अल्प बचत ऋणों को निरन्तर ऋणों के रूप में मानना संभव नहीं पाया गया है।

Closing of three National Channels

107. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that three of the five national channels have been closed since 1st February, 1994; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons there of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The programing on the six channels of Doordarshan has only been restructured from 1st February, 1994 to provide a wholesome fare to cater to the needs of the widest cross section of its viewers

besides maintaining its pre-eminence as the network watched by the largest number of viewers in the country.

Filling up of the post of DG in Doordarshan

108. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no full fledged DG to Doordarashan; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons and when this post is likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) An additional Secretary in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is holding the current charge of the post of Director General, Doordarshan in addition to his own duties. As per the Recruitment Rules, no officer belonging to Indian Broadcasting (Programme) Service/erstwhile Programme cadre was found eligible for being promoted. Action has already been initiated to fill up the said post on regular basis by resorting to composite recruitment methods in consultation with the UPSC. No time limit can be given.

Row between BCCI and Doordarshan

109. SHRI GOVINDRAO RAMRAO ADIK Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a row between the Board of Control for Cricket in India and Doordarshan over telecasting the Indo-Sri Lankan cricket series;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what preventive action Government have taken so far or propose to take to avoid such showdowns in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) No, Sir. (b) and (c) Do not arise.

25th International Film Festival of India

110. SHRI G.Y. KRISHANAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the 25th International Film Festival of India held in Calcutta during the last month has not been much of a success;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and what were the infirmities like large scale bungling in the issue of passes and sale of tickets that marked its glamour;

(c) the approximate expenditure incurred on holding this festival;

(d) the reasons for not holding such a festival in Bangalore where adequate facilities in this behalf exist; and

(e) whether Government propose to consider Bangalore, for holding the future festivals; and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Union Government had sanctioned a budget of Rs. 115 lakhs for holding the festival.

(d) and (e) In 1992 the international festival was held at Bangalore. The venue of the festival is decided by rotation from among the major film producing centres in India besides New Delhi, taking into account all relevant factors.

Allotment of time to Private Producers on Doordarshan Satellite Channels

111. SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan's time solt scheme was quashed by the Delhi High Court during the last year; and